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To Whom It May Concern:

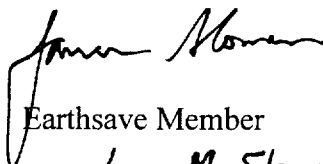
As a concerned citizen, I am asking the FDA to reconsider their plans to remove all current labeling requirements for irradiated food.

Irradiation is the process of treating foods with gamma rays, x-rays or high-voltage electrons to kill bacteria and parasites, delay sprouting, and increase shelf life. The FDA has approved irradiation for essentially all foods including fruits and vegetables.

Without labeling, there will be no way for me to know if my food has been irradiated. If labels are eliminated now, only a public health catastrophe can reinstate them.

I want to know if Irradiated foods are on my table! Prominent labels should be used in all cases!

Sincerely,

  
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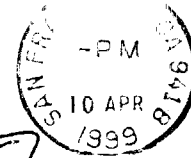
What is the problem with telling the simple truth about whether a food is irradiated or not? Then we can decide for ourselves whether we want to eat a food like that or not.

Thank you for considering this point of view. J. A.

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